

April 5, 2005

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Mauno McIntyre, Nowatka, Scotto, Witkowsky and Mayor Walker.

Absent: Councilmember Lieu.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows
City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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Mayor Walker announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Attorney received a copy of a letter sent to the Public Employees Relation Board by an attorney for AFSCME Local 1117 in case number LA-FS-7-M. Due to the time frames involved, staff believes that immediate action is necessary to instruct the City Attorney on this and associated case LA-CO-30-M. Additionally, since the posting of the agenda, the City Manager was notified that the union president of AFSCME Local 1117 will be on leave and his duties will be assumed by the Vice-President. The City Manager acting in his capacity as Labor Negotiator believes that immediate instruction from the City Council is necessary.

Mayor Walker noted that In order to take action on a matter that is not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Council that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Witkowsky moved to add the item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

Mayor Walker noted that the above-mentioned item would be considered as part of tonight's closed session agenda, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and 54957.6.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Scotto.

Councilmember Nowatka gave the non-sectarian invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto, and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

MOTION: Councilmember Mauno moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to

demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowski and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Witkowski announced that the next Planning and Design Committee meeting would be held on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss options for historic preservation.

Councilmember McIntyre announced that the Torrance Rose Float Association Ad Hoc Committee would meet on April 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly room to discuss the 2006 float design.

Fire Chief Bongard reminded everyone that ExxonMobil would be conducting their monthly testing of the siren and community alert system on Wednesday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Scotto announced that the next Ad Hoc Armed Forces Committee meeting would be held on April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Assembly Room.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-18 RE SENIOR FIRE INSPECTOR MARK FAWCETT

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING SENIOR FIRE INSPECTOR MARK FAWCETT ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-18. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

Mayor Walker presented a framed copy of Resolution No. 2005-18 to Senior Fire Inspector Fawcett, who accepted with appreciation.

Fire Chief Bongard commended Mr. Fawcett for his many years of service, noting his role in reviewing construction projects to ensure compliance with Fire Code regulations, along with other fire prevention duties.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-19 RE FIREFIGHTER GARY W. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING FIREFIGHTER GARY W. WELLS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-19. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

To be presented at a later date.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”

Mayor Walker declared the week of April 10 through April 16 as ***National Library Week*** in the City of Torrance, and encouraged all residents to take advantage of the extensive variety of resources and services available at the Torrance Public Library.

6D. ACCEPTANCE OF EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION DONATION FOR 2005 GREEN TEAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$100,000 donation from ExxonMobil Corporation; and
- 2) Appropriate the \$100,000 donation to the 2005 Green Team Summer Youth Employment Program (FEAP #505).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

Carolyn Keith, Public Affairs Manager for ExxonMobil, presented the donation, noting the long-term relationship ExxonMobil has had with this program in Torrance.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7A. PURCHASE AGREEMENT RE TELESTAFF AUTOMATED SCHEDULING AND PAYROLL SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Information Technology Director** that City Council approve and execute a purchase agreement with Principle Decisions Systems International (PDSI), Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$152,804 if purchased prior to April 30, 2005. The purchase agreement includes equipment, software licenses, and implementation costs for the TeleStaff automated scheduling and payroll system in the Parks and Recreation Department and Library as part the Community Services Consolidation project.

7B. PURCHASE ORDER RE FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **General Services Director** that City Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$389,265.02 to Ford West of Bellflower, CA for the purchase of sixteen (16) 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors (CVPI) as a cooperative purchase with the County of San Diego. The total expenditure includes sales tax, an \$8.75 per vehicle tire fee and \$20,930 for purchase of non-taxable extended power train warranties for 14 of the 16 cars.

7C. CONTRACT WITH POLICE MANAGEMENT ADVISORS (PMA)

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **Chief of Police** that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract with Police Management Advisors (PMA), a consulting firm, to evaluate and make recommendations for the Police Department's operations, workload, and staffing in the amount of \$128,560; and
- 2) Appropriate and allocate \$128,560 from the Federal Department of Justice (DOJ) Asset Forfeiture account to Deployment Study (FEAP #503).

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 7A, 7B and 7C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11A. CORRECTION OF PERS TWO-YEAR SERVICE CREDIT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council approve the correction of the prior two-year service credit in the PERS System to one class of employee whose job was already eliminated through budget reductions. This will cost no more than \$35,000 and is pursuant to Government Code 20903.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane reported that this action was necessary to correct an earlier error in documentation to provide a two-year service credit for an employee who has already retired.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

11B. FRANCHISE ORDINANCE FOR CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt an Ordinance granting California Water Service Company, a California Corporation (Cal Water), a pipeline franchise for the transportation of water along the public right-of-way within the City of Torrance beginning at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and the common boundary line of the cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach and extending easterly along the dedicated area of Sepulveda Boulevard to Walnut Street, thence southerly along the dedicated area of Walnut Street to the intersection of Walnut Street and the southern boundary of the City of Torrance. It is further recommended that City Council approve an **Ordinance Summary** for publication.

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved to concur with the staff recommendation and approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowsky and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

ORDINANCE NO. 3664

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, OPERATE, TEST, MAINTAIN, USE, RENEW, REPAIR, REPLACE, MOVE, CHANGE THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF, AND REMOVE OR ABANDON IN PLACE A SYSTEM OF PIPELINES AND APPURTENANCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING TRANSPORTING, CONVEYING AND CARRYING WATER, ON, ALONG, IN, UNDER, AND ACROSS PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS, ALLEYS, AND PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3664. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scotto and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

11C. CORRECTION OF CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the **City Manager** that City Council adopt a supplemental Memorandum of Understanding which corrects pay rate for the Crossing Guard Employees effective April 3, 2005.

MOTION: Councilmember Scotto moved to concur with the staff recommendation and approve an ordinance summary for publication. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowski and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-110 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE CROSSING GUARD EMPLOYEES

MOTION: Councilmember McIntyre moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2005-20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Witkowski and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilmember Lieu).

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 6:27 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

16. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

16A. City Clerk Herbers invited staff and the public to view photographs of Torrance Artist Guild Member Ira Yawnick on display in the City Clerk's Office for the month of April.

16B. City Clerk Herbers announced that applications will be accepted to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission until April 6, with the appointment to be made at the April 12 City Council meeting.

16C. Councilmember Mauno noted that he and Councilmember Nowatka attended the West Coast ROTC Drill Meet the previous weekend where both Torrance High and North High Jr. ROTC programs received awards. He offered special congratulations to Torrance High for coming in first place in the unarmed inspection.

16D. Councilmember Mauno reported that he will be working on a South Bay Council of Governments Committee to maintain the 310 area code. He noted that Assemblyman Mike Gordon has submitted a bill, AB 1380, which requires an audit of all phone numbers before any changes to area codes can be made, and thanked Mayor Walker for his letter in support of the bill.

16E. Councilmember McIntyre commended the West High School students in the audience for their choice of meetings.

16F. Councilmember Scotto reminded the public that they will have an opportunity to tour or ride in the B-17 Bomber being brought to Zamperini Field by the Experimental Aircraft Association on April 15 through 17 and that information was available at 800.359.6217.

16G. Councilmember Scotto asked that a proclamation be brought forward recognizing National Animal Control Week, April 11-17.

16H. Councilmember Witkowsky noted that she has received calls from residents about poorly synchronized signals on Anza. City Manager Jackson indicated that staff would follow up on this issue. Community Development Director Gibson reported that staff has had discussions with Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles about the installation of intelligent signals, however, a regional approach is necessary in order for the program to be effective.

16I. Councilmember Witkowsky reported she was traveling to San Jose for a League of California Cities Homeland Security Committee meeting and would be discussing interoperability issues.

16J. Robert Hollis, operator and sub-lessee for the property to be discussed under the Executive Session (25200-02 Crenshaw Boulevard), spoke to City Council about the terms of the lease and expressed his willingness to purchase should the City prefer that option.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on the urgency item added to the agenda (see page 1) and agenda matters listed under 17A) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8.

The Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

18. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Attest:

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 14, 2005